

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring to FIG. 5, the housing 36 has a conventional bushing 58 for rotatably mounting the ratchet 50 on pin 44 (FIG. 6) between an unlatched or open position and a primary latched or closed position. Ratchet 50 has a conventional detent fork structure having a notch 110 presenting a primary detent surface 126. The ratchet 50 has a secondary detent 128 spaced circumferentially from the primary detent 126. The ratchet 50 has a contoured edge diametrically opposite the notch 110 presenting a cinch drive area 132 and a release clearance area 114. Ratchet 50 cooperates with the mouth 31 to engage and cinch the striker 106 (FIG. 8) to hold the door closed.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring to FIG. 6, a sector gear 54 is commonly mounted on pin 44 on a side of the housing opposite the ratchet 50. Sector gear 54 is mounted in such a manner that the sector gear 54 is able to rotate relative to or independently of the ratchet 50. The sector gear 54 has an opening or releasing arm 70 which extends tangentially from a toothed portion 55. The sector gear 54 also has a closing or cinching arm 72 which extends axially from the ~~teeth~~ toothed portion 55. Coil springs 74 are mounted around sector bearing cylinder 59 with a first end 77 engaging the housing 36 and a second end 79 engaging the sector gear 54. Springs 74 bias sector gear 54 into a null position.--